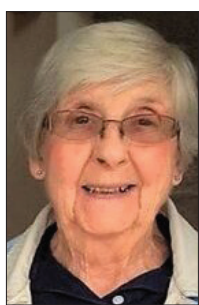


OBITUARIES

Verna M. (Persigehl) Svaty

1930-2021
La Grande

Verna Marie Svaty, 90, of La Grande, died July 30, 2021, at her residence. A reception in her honor will be held at noon Aug. 7 at the Catherine Creek Community Center in Union.



Svaty

Verna was born Nov. 3, 1930, in her family's farmhouse near Sylvan Grove, Kansas, to Susan Persigehl and Gerhart Persigehl. She was the oldest of three children and spent her childhood working with her parents and siblings on their farm.

As a young adult Verna worked her way through St. John's College in Winfield, Kansas, to become a teacher and afterward taught second grade at Bethlehem Lutheran School in Sylvan Grove. Verna loved her father and often shared stories of how he showed his love for his family and his faith in Jesus. She lost her father suddenly when she was just 24 years old.

In 1955 Verna married Norman Wayne Svaty in a small ceremony at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sylvan Grove, Kansas. She was a devoted wife and nurtured her six children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a trusted mother-in-law and a loving friend. A fabulous cook, she never turned

away an opportunity to show her love by offering a hearty meal.

Growing up during the Great Depression, Verna learned the value of working hard, savoring every blessing and appreciating the little things in life. These are values that she lived by, instilled in her children, and prayed for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren to carry on.

Verna's favorite Bible verses include Psalm 118:24: "This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." Among her favorite hymns are "It Is Well with My Soul" and "Trust and Obey", which she regularly sang to her children and to many of her grandchildren while rocking them to sleep at nap and bedtime.

Surviving relatives include her husband of 66 years, Norman; children and their spouses, Gayle and Dave Orcutt, Ginger and Eric Pentz, Gina Munoz, Myron Svaty, Max and Alita Svaty, and Mart and Diane Svaty; and 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com.

Gerald 'Jerry' S. Sink

1944-2021
La Grande

Gerald "Jerry" Stanley Sink, 77, of La Grande, died July 19, 2021, at his home.

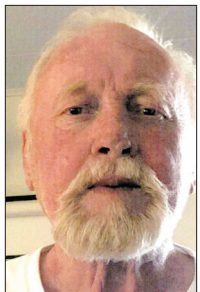
Known as Jerry, he was born Jan. 25, 1944, to James Sink and Virginia "Jan" (Dillworth) Sink. While growing up, he was educated throughout the western states while his father worked on the power lines starting with Boulder Dam and going north, finally settling in Sultan, Washington.

Once Jerry was of age, he served a tour in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. Upon his discharge, he made his home in the Grande Ronde Valley, where he worked and retired from Boise Cascade.

Those who knew Jerry realized there was something special about him. He could take over a room with his unique charisma, always saying his favorite line — "Hey, you got any extra money?" — then he would laugh and carry on. He really thought he was a comedian some days.

Jerry also had a soft side that most people didn't see, like his love for his brother Jim, and his deep affection for all animals, especially his old dog, Buddy, and the stray cat he named Orangy and

fed every day. Jerry was known around the neighborhood as the candy man. Children would show up in a group almost every day because they knew Jerry would have some candy to hand out. He had just one rule and would say, "Paper goes in the trash. Right, kids?" He loved doing this, and seeing the smiles on their faces made his day.



Sink



Jerry was a friend to everyone. He always struck up a conversation with, and sometimes hugged, people he saw on the street. He had hundreds of friends but held a small group close to his heart. Some days he would look around the room or table and say to his friends, "You know, I am pretty choosy about the people I hang out with. I am really surprised that some of you made the cut" — and then he would smile.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lyle Thomas Sink. Surviving relatives include his brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Michelle Sink of Homer, Alaska.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com.

Leo 'Max' Lane

1925-2021
Cove

Leo "Max" Lane, 95, of Cove, died Aug. 2, 2021, at his residence. A viewing will be held from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 5 at Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

A graveside service will begin at 10 a.m. Aug. 7 at Cove Cemetery.

Known as Max, he was born Dec. 14, 1925, to Francis Lane and Nona Lane. As a kid, he followed the migrant fruit circuit with his parents during the Great Depression. They eventually landed in Cove, where Max graduated from Cove High School in 1943.

After high school, Max joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Guam, where he piloted an LCVP during World War II. He also boxed in the Navy and won every match. When he was honorably discharged he returned to Cove and married his high school sweetheart, Wythal Puckett. They made their home in Portland and were happily married for 61 years.

Max attended the University of Oregon where he received a bachelor's degree in physical education. He touched many lives as a math teacher and coach.

After 30 years of teaching, he started a fence and deck business in Portland. Additionally, he spent much time cultivating a 22-acre cherry orchard, where he finally retired and operated it

with his daughter, Renee. In his later years, Max became very active in community service, volunteering much time at the Union County Senior Center, where he also enjoyed dancing and playing cards.

Max was a sports enthusiast, cheering on the Oregon Ducks every fall and traveling to games with his wife. He was also an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed visiting his daughter and son-in-law at the many wildlife refuges where they were stationed. Max was a great fisherman and bird and elk hunter, and he loved white water boating with his son, Gary, and other family members.

Max's world revolved around family. His bright spirit and wonderful sense of humor will live on through them.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wythal, and great-grandson, Mason Sjostrom.

Surviving relatives include his brother, Jack of Portland; children and their spouses, Gary and Barb Lane of Riggs, Idaho, and Renee and Richard Sjostrom of Pocatello, Idaho; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande 97850.

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Lane



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Registration for youth soccer closes Aug. 6

ENTERPRISE — Wallowa Valley Youth Soccer is now taking registrations for children ages 5-13 who want to play in the 2021 season. WVYS President Jeff Yanke said 5-year-olds must have had their birthday by Sept. 1. Deadline to sign up is Friday, Aug. 6.

Yanke said the season was crippled last year because of the coronavirus

pandemic, with soccer workshops replacing the usual competitive play. There are typically a few hundred kids playing, he said.

Yanke said adult volunteers are needed, as well as board members, as this is his last year on the group's board.

To register or for more information about volunteering, go to wallowavalleyyouthsoccer.org or email wallowavalleyyouthsoccer@gmail.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

MONDAY, AUG. 2

9:15 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2700 block of L Avenue on a report of a fight.

11:05 a.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 1100 block of First Street, La Grande. Officer resolved the situation.

1:22 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a traffic crash at Island Avenue and Cherry Street and took a report.

4:27 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a motor home from the 2300 block of Q Avenue, La Grande. An officer took a report.

6:16 p.m. — La Grande police and medics responded to the 2100 block of Adams Avenue on a report of an assault. Police took a report.

10:13 p.m. — A resident on the 2000 block of Gekeler Lane, La Grande, reported a problem with a barking dog.

TUESDAY, AUG. 3

1:34 a.m. — A caller reported a person was looking into vehicles at the La Grande Rendezvous RV Resort, 2632 Bearco Loop, La Grande. An officer transported the person from the property.

5:50 a.m. — A caller on the 300 block of 20th Street, La Grande, reported an issue between tenants and dogs. An officer resolved the situation.

9:59 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 800 block of Grandy Avenue on a report of a domes-

tic disturbance. Police cited a 34-year-old La Grande man for harassment.

10:17 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office arrested Darlene Marie Ferguson, 47, for theft by deception, second-degree and first-degree theft.

1:04 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Washington Avenue and Fourth Street on a report of an assault. Police cited a 27-year-old man with no fixed address for harassment.

2:48 p.m. — A resident on the 1000 block of Antles Lane, Cove, complained about a dog that keeps getting into the trash. An animal enforcement officer warned the dog's owner.

5:40 p.m. — A caller reported animal abuse on the 700 block of Highland Drive, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



Aug. 5 & Aug. 7 — LEO "MAX" LANE: Aug. 5, 6-8 p.m. viewing, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; Aug. 7, 10 a.m. graveside service, Cove Cemetery.

Aug. 7 — VERNA SVATY: noon reception, Catherine Creek Community Center, Union.

Aug. 14 — ALVIN MONTGOMERY: 12:30 p.m. celebration

of life, Zion Lutheran Church, La Grande.

Aug. 21 — MARY BROWN: 11 a.m. celebration of life, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, La Grande.

Sept. 18 — JAMES YOST: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise.

Oct. 16 — MEL ELDER: 10 a.m. memorial service, La Grande First Christian Church.

— *calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande*



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Norman D. "Don" Anson

February 13, 1935 - July 18, 2021

Graveside Services
Saturday August 7, 2021 1:00 P.M.

Elgin Cemetery
Elgin (Union County), Oregon.

Please join the family at the Elgin Community Center Pavillion for refreshments.

NORMAN DONALD ANSON was born February 13, 1935, in Walla Walla, Washington, the son of the late Charlie Anson and Carolyn (Gray) Anson. He was raised and received his education in the communities of Elgin and Hermiston, having been a graduate of the Elgin High School Class of 1953. Upon his high school graduation, Don attended Eastern Oregon State University in La Grande, having received a bachelor's degree in education. He was united in marriage to Phyllis Arloa "Fig" Buschke on April 30, 1954, in Elgin, Oregon. Following their marriage they moved to the Forest Grove community, where they both started their teaching careers. They taught in Forest Grove for twenty-five years, Don having taught at Tom McCall Middle School and Kwajalein Jr/Sr High in the Marshall Islands from 1969 to 1976. Then returned to Forest Grove to finish their teaching careers.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, "Fig", on March 16, 2013, after celebrating over fifty-eight years of marriage together.

Among his special interests, he loved to travel, and he and "Fig" went on 25 cruises and visited 6 continents, just missing Antarctica which they planned to visit when she was diagnosed with PSP, which ended their long travels. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Carolyn Anson.

Survivors include his three children, Dale Anson and his wife, Lisa, of Boise, Idaho; Kay Clayton and her partner Fred Timberlake, of Aloha, Oregon and Kelly Anson and his wife, Erica, of Vancouver, Washington. Also surviving are his six grandchildren, his six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions the American Heart Association, Oregon Chapter, 4380 S. Macadam Avenue, #480, Portland, Oregon 97239, in his memory.

To sign the online guest book or to send a condolence to the family go to www.fuitenrosehoyt.com.

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